Payment of claims under GIC

2276. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 455 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th July, 1988 and state:

(a) whether General Insurance Corporation of India have in turn paid the claims to the farmers,

(b) if so, to what extent;

(c) what are the reasons for withholding the payments; and

(d) whether Government of Gujarat had released their one-third share and if not what is the pending amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) have made the payments of claims to the credit disbursing agencies, wherever the State Governments have released their one-third share in respect of lawful indemnity claims of crop insurance payable for 1985-86 and 1986-87.

(b) According to the information received from GIC, the total indemnity claims and claims paid/unpaid so far during 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 are as follows—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Total claims	Claims paid by the GIC	Claims unpaid
1985-86	87.00	85.98	1.02
1986-87	174.70	155.62	19.08
1987-88	300.00*	8 93	291.07

*Tentative.

(c) The reasons for withholding of the payments of indemnity claims cleared by the Government are inability of the State Governments to release their one-third share, further clarifications sought by the GIC, scrutiny of the claims, etc.

(d) The Government of Gujarat have released their one-third share in respect of all claims that have been paid by the GIC so far, except, one-third share for disputed claims worth Rs. 1.22 crore for kharif 1986 season for three talukas of Rajkot District. The indemnity claims of Gujarat for Kharif 1987 season have not been cleared so far by the Government.

Import of foodgrains

2277. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reconsidered its decision to import wheat and other foodgrains in view of good beginning of monsoon throughout the country; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) the estimated production in current kharif season for (i) food grains, (ii) edible oilseeds, (iii) cotton, (iv) sugarcane, (v) coffee, (vi) tea and other cash crops?